

**SOLANO COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON
March 9, 2011**

The meeting of the Solano County Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) was held at the Department of Agriculture and UC Cooperative Extension Building, Downstairs Conference Room, 501 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA.

Members Present:

Bruce Brazelton, Moira Burke, Barbara Comfort, Jeff Dittmer, Don Johnson, Russ Lester, Sue Lipstreu, James Wallace

Others Present:

Sabine Goerke-Shrode	Aide to Supervisor Spering
Jim Allan	Ag Commissioner
Jim Leland	Resource Management
Greg Lewis	Dixon Fire Department
Aaron McAlister	Dixon Fire Department
Carole Paterson	UC Cooperative Extension
Carrie Scarlata	County Counsel

Item 1 Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Russ Lester at 3:10 PM.

Item 2 Introductions of Members and Guests

The Members and Guests in attendance introduced themselves.

Item 3 Changes and Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved unanimously.

Item 4 Review/Approval of the Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2011

The minutes for February 9, 2011 were approved.

Item 5 New Business

(a) Report on Board of Supervisors Meetings-Board Topics Related to Subject Matter of the AAC

No items to report.

(b) Ag Tour Working Group Update-

This year's Ag Tour will not be held due to lack of funding and participation.

(c) Local Fire Code Amendments

The proposed amendments were reviewed page by page. Chief McAlister and Fire Marshall Lewis responded to several issues and said that they would respond to these issues by e-mail prior to the next meeting:

- Definition of "Rural" consistent w/ planning?
- Right of entry through fences and gates
- Aerial apparatus access
- Bailed (sic) storage provisions

Item 6 Continuing Business

(a) General Plan Update/Agricultural Regions Study

Jim Leland will bring Williamson Act guidelines for Suisun Valley to the next AAC meeting for review, those guidelines are slated for Board of Supervisor review in May. Jim Continues to work with the Ag Land Policy Working Group towards a product. Dixon Ridge area plan should begin in April.

(b) EGVM/LBAM Update-Jim Allan

Jim will be communicating this years requirements for voluntary treatment and guidelines for movement of fruit to the affected growers in Suisun and Green Valleys.

There will also be two outreach meeting regarding Spotted wing drosophila one for home gardeners and California Certified Nurserymen and a second for PCA's and Commercial growers.

(c) Future Budget Planning-Discussion

Nothing new to report on local budget. CDFA has cut funding for Fairs, weed programs and Red Imported Fire Ant.

(d) Bicycle Complaints/Issues

We will need two members from the Solano and Yolo Farm Bureaus to work with our committee members and the Transportation Authority Bike sub-committee.

(e) Delta Water Issues

No updates at this time.

(f) Williamson Act Update

No updates.

(g) Solano County Fair Plan-Ongoing

No updates.

(g) Pesticide Update

More fumigants are being regulated as VOC's and as restricted use pesticides. Methyl Iodide may be re-reviewed by DPR .

Item 7 Identify and Clarify Future Agenda Topics and Timing of Discussion

The Future Agenda Topics and Timing of Discussion are as follows:

- a. Delta Water Issues-Ongoing
- b. EVGM Update- Jim Allan
- c. Williamson Act Update- Ongoing
- d. Solano County Branding- Ongoing
- e. Solano County Fair Plan- Ongoing
- f. Guideline on the Use of Prime Farmland- Report from Working Group
Moirá B., Barbara C., Don J., Jeff D., Russ L.
- g. Future Budget Planning-Discussion
- h. Bicycle Complaints- AAC participants in STA Sub Comm
Russ L., Barbara C.,
- i. Rio Vista Bridge Studies (STA)-Presentation

- j. Local Food Shed working group 2/9/2011
Jim W., Moira B., Russ L.
- k. Delta education working group 2/9/2011
- l. Renewable Energy working group 2/9/11
Russ L – Ch., Mary Helen S.

Item 8 Public Comments/Announcements/Correspondence

This is the opportunity to address the committee on a matter not listed on the agenda, but within the subject jurisdiction of the Committee.

(a) Public Comments

(b) Announcements

(c) Correspondence

Item 9 Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 3:00 p.m., first floor conference room, 501 Texas Street, Fairfield.

Item 10 Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.